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worship home with you this week!***

📖 **Memory Verse** (review at least once a day):

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east, and we have come to worship Him.” ~Matthew 2:2

⌘ **Digging Deeper** ⌘

Read: Luke 2:1-7

Reflect: What about celebrating Christmas do you love? Do all the ways you celebrate proclaim the birth of Jesus? What does and what doesn't? How have sentimentality, traditions, and cultural values taken your focus on what Christmas is really about?

Discuss: Recent commercials have been promoting that the “Christmas is all about” family, being home, and giving.

Although these are all good things, how can they take the focus off what Christmas is really about? Talk about your planned Christmas celebrations and activities. How do they honor the Jesus of Christmas?

Activity: Look at your Christmas decorations. What do they say? Choose something that reminds you of Jesus' birth and place that at the center of your decorations.

Prayer: Ask Jesus to make celebrating His birth the focus of your Christmas celebrations this year.

👨👩👦 **With Kids:**

Road Trip: What is the best part of a road trip? What is your least favorite part? Joseph and Mary had to take a trip from their home in Nazareth to a town called Bethlehem. Grab a smartphone and open up Google Maps. Look up Forest Lake and see how far it is to a town called Cloquet. How long would it take to drive? Hit the walker icon and see how long it would take to walk. Imagine, Mary and Joseph had to travel that same distance! They had no car and Mary was 9 months pregnant! Read Luke 2:1-4. Why did they have to take this trip?

Think & Pray: Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were away from home on the first Christmas, but they were together as a family. Celebrating Christmas with family is as big part of what we do during the holidays. Thank God for your family and pray for those who might have to celebrate alone this year.

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